

CITY of BRIDGEPORT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SPEAKING SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014
6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Torres, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Halstead Swain, McCarthy, Vizzo-Paniccia, McBride-Lee, Salter, DeJesus, Castillo, Martinez, Feliciano, *Marella, Paoletto, Martinez-Walker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Austin, Lyons
*arrived late

Council President McCarthy called the public speaking session to order at 6:45 pm.

The city clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

Please go to [www. SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport](http://www.SoundviewTV.org/Bridgeport) to view or listen to the detailed comments that the speakers below addressed to the City Council on July 7, 2014.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.

John Marshall Lee
30 Beacon Street
Bridgeport, CT 06605

Fiscal Year Ends.

BE GREEN, Mayor Finch, in more things...especially the “green” \$\$\$\$....

The City has many problems as you know. Financial issues loom large in almost everything that crosses your desk. The Charter and Ordinances as well as other external or internal rules govern your financial life, yet they are not always followed. And the public simply does not get the word, which as taxpayers is their due.

Let’s focus on the Charter required monthly financial report. It runs 88 pages or more often. As Mayor Finch indicated in his 2014 address to the BRBC, he is “finding ways to cut government waste”. Will the Council target this report for immediate reform?

- Eliminate ALL Public School budget info except for three or four summary lines that would include: Education (Lines 01800-01899), BOE Food Services (01900), BOE Transportation (01875), and perhaps Debt Service (01940) though this is paid by the City. BOE budget info is available on Public Schools site. ***This saves 20 pages.***
- There are approximately 60 departments with personnel expense. Why not list each DEPARTMENT on one line, use the next five lines to summarize (1) Personal Services, (2) Other Personal Services (3) Fringe Benefits (4) Other Expenses and (5) Special Services? This is the format used in recent years with budget presentations to B&A. During the year Variances will be more easily spotted by everyone and necessary transfers (See City Charter Chapter 9 Section (5i) can be attended to easily.) This format can ***decrease 50 pages to 8 pages***, eliminating special confusion in Police and Fire Department sections. Next to the Department title the number of **current FTE** as of that month can be reported as it does on the Public Schools site. That is not done today!!
- A title page that indicates the month and year with a summary of where budgeted and actual stand and what variance is happening along with explanation of variances is necessary. Four to six pages per month total.
- The Revenue reporting pages currently run around 8 pages and are good as they are except for Line Item categories that remain empty all year. Remove these lines as they only fill space. Likewise BOE revenues can be compressed to single lines, where the City contributions of all kinds can be clearly identified. City Grants Managers may be encouraged to produce regular reports of their fiscal efforts like the Public Schools.
- And the simplified report should be made available monthly by the fourth Friday of the following month as called for in the Charter at the City Clerk's office BUT ALSO PLACED ON THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT City site. Perhaps a Grants report for the City similar to the Public Schools needs to be presented regularly as well. The full report similar to current format needs to be available on the Finance Department site so that line item details eliminated in the Summary (1-5) format can be viewed.

More, better, and faster, the marks of the global economy!! In summary City fiscal ***reporting can be reduced to about 21 pages a savings of printing and paper by 75%.*** The Council and public can better see what is happening by reading notes and observing variances in a format that will allow them to monitor the report monthly as their Agenda declares. And trees can be saved. Win, win, wins would seem in order. What will you call for? Time will tell.

John Marshall Lee & Phil Smith prepared: April 18, 2014 to City Council: 7-7-14

Ethan Book
144 Coleman Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Institutionalized interagency governmental
conspiracy.

It was announced that Ethan Book wasn't present to address the city council.

Cecil C. Young
99 Carroll Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Update on termination status.

Mr. Young recalled his comments that he said he has been speaking about for the last eight years. He mentioned the documents that he said were submitted to look into the matter of his unjust termination, noting that he asked Council member Torres to distribute the information for the council to address or respond to. He expressed that all of us are created are supposed to be created equal and as a taxpayer; he has to keep coming forth to find out why he was terminated. He said that someone should respond to his concerns and he questioned what he has to do to get the council's attention. He further questioned why the public was constantly being ignored and disrespected and he stressed that the council members took an oath to service the public. He posed the question of whether he needed to use the race card to get their attention or he needed to throw a shoe to get their attention. He emphasized that he was angry and upset about the ongoing situation and that he intends to do something about it, commenting that he hoped something is done about his request.

The following persons signed up to speak prior to the public speaking forum:

Clyde Nicholson

Mr. Nicholson mentioned Newfield Park, Seaside Park, Washington Park to make the point that the Mayor spent \$8 million on the reopening of Pleasure Beach; when there are roads in the city that need fixing. He commented that Pro Bass has come into the city, but no one in Bridgeport is working there. He went on to say that residents are paying taxes, yet snow plowing during the winter is lax. He further spoke about the Gun Free Zone in reference to making a law for a mandatory sentence. He stated that although people have a right to bear arms, guns and weapons should be prohibited to carry on the street to cut down on violent crimes. He questioned how the city could spend \$8 million on a beach when citizens aren't seeing any of the benefits of their tax dollars.

Carolyn Nah

Ms. Han stated that she had issues and concerns. She mentioned Cecil Young's complaint, noting that what happened to him is what happened to many who worked for the city in the past, when they were in her opinion illegally terminated during the 1990's, including herself and others she knows. She said she felt that an investigation was in

order to address Cecil Young's complaint. She went on to say that residents are losing their homes because they are being overtaxed and mis-taxed. She spoke about the importance of knowing past history regarding civil rights and she questioned if people don't know; then how can we move forward. Overall, she didn't feel that the system is fair for our children and the community, noting that it takes a family!

Amos Brown

Mr. Brown spoke about the job situation for youth. He questioned what will happen when they get out of school, noting that there should be enough summer jobs to go around. He questioned what the politicians are doing to represent Bridgeport and he questioned why citizens should waste their time voting, when the politicians don't care. He further noted that it seemed that they care more about other countries than they do their own. He ended in saying that everyone will eventually have to answer to a higher God!

Hearing none, the public speaking forum ended at 7:15 pm.

CITY of BRIDGEPORT

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace

Bridgeport, Connecticut

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Brannelly, Torres, Banta, Taylor-Moye, Halstead Swain, McCarthy, Vizzo-Paniccia, McBride-Lee, Salter, DeJesus, Castillo, Martinez, Feliciano, Marella, Paoletto, Martinez-Walker, Holloway

ABSENT: Council members: Austin, Lyons

Mayor Finch called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

- Prayer - Council member Felciano offered the prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance - Council member Brannelly led the pledge of allegiance.
- Roll Call - the City Clerk took the roll call and announced there was a quorum.

Mayoral Proclamation: In Recognition of Bridgeport resident Stanley Grauso on his 102nd Birthday.

Mayor Finch and the council members came forward to present the citation.

The recipient Stanley Grauso came forward with his son to accept the citation.

Mayor Finch expressed that it was an honor to pay tribute to Mr.Grauso with his some present. He expressed that it was the least they could do to honor

him for what he has done for the city and for his undying loyalty to the city – *he read the proclamation honoring Stanley Grauso for being 102 years old and he proclaimed July 7,2014 as Stanley Grauso Day!*

City Council Citation: In Recognition of Bridgeport resident Stanley Grauso on his 102nd Birthday.

Council President McCarthy expressed that he was excited to honor a life lived well – *he read the citation that outlined congratulations to Stanley Grauso and best wishes.* He further expressed that the wealth of knowledge that Mr.Grauso has acquired through the years; has made him a truly exceptional individual.

Stanley Grauso thanked everyone from the bottom of his heart. He shared that although he had a rough life in his younger years, he thanked everyone for their help and support through the years and up until this time.

Stanley Grauso's sone, Stanley Grauso II, stated that it was unbelievable what his father does from day to day, noting that he's up early and makes breakfast and lunch and prepares a good meal and he keeps busy and reads a lot. He said that he was very thankful for honoring his father.

Mayor Finch exclaimed that Stanley has outlived many and he's still going strong. He thanked him for all that he's done for the City of Bridgeport.

Upon leaving the front of council chambers, Stanley Grauso enlightened everyone by doing a lively dance!!

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Approval of City Council Minutes: May 19, 2014

**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council president McCarthy announced that there would be a five-minute recess for the purpose of discussing the process for voting on (CDBG) Allocations.

The city council took a recess at 7:30 pm.
The city council returned out of recess at 7:44pm.

Mayor Finch reconvened the meeting at 7:45 pm.

ADDED:

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

Mayor Finch stated that it was critical to keep the funding, noting that it's a struggle from year to year to maintain the funds. He emphasized the importance of the funding used to fight poverty and protect the environment.

Council President McCarthy stated that it was a trying process for the city due to the rules change by the federal government. He explained that they tried hard to be transparent and follow the rules. He further explained that what the audience would observe tonight may seem unusual, but it was necessary to follow the law. He went on to say that they would hear four sections voted upon and any council member that is required to recuse will physically leave the room. He relayed that there are twenty (20) council members that are active in the community, which creates a conflict in them voting on a specific program. He clarified that the recusal only means that that council member is active in the community and they need to ensure that the process is followed so that the funding isn't at risk and they aren't violating the law.

The voting for each item was taken up as follow:

***59-13 (A)** Special Committee for CDBG Program Report re: Consolidated Plan 2013-2018 PY 40 Annual Action Plan Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

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COUNCIL MEMBR BRANNELY MOVED TO APPROVE

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED

Council member Holloway suggested that instead of each council member leaving the room, that they take a roll call vote. Mayor Finch clarified that they were advised that the person with the conflict **must** leave the room.

The following Council members recused from the vote: Council members: Taylor-Moye, Vizzo-Paniccia, Martinez, Marella, Martinez-Walker, Feliciano, McBride-Lee

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MOTION PASSED WITH TEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND EIGHT ABSTENTIONS(Council members: Taylor-Moye, Vizzo-Paniccia, Martinez, Marella, Martinez-Walker, Feliciano, McBride-Lee, Holloway)

***59-13 (B)** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Consolidated Plan 2013-2018 PY 40 Annual Action Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant Program (HESG).

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COUNCIL MEMBR PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

The following Council member recused from the vote: Council member Feliciano

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SIXTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (Council members: Feliciano and Holloway)**

***59-13 (C)** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Consolidated Plan 2013-2018 PY 40 Annual Action HOME Investment Partnership Program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBR BRANNELLY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED**

****let it be noted that the entire city council was allowed to vote on this item***

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (Council member: Holloway)**

***59-13 (D)** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Consolidated Plan 2013-2018 PY 40 Annual Action Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA).

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNELLY SECONDED**

The following Council members recused from the vote: Council members: DeJesus and Martinez-Walker

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FIFTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND THREE ABSTENTIONS (Council members: DeJesus, Martinez-Walker, Holloway)**

Council President McCarthy made a comment to say that he didn't entirely agree with the process, because he thought it eliminated constituents that are crucial in the community.

Presentation by the United States Postal Service regarding the Proposed Relocation of the Barnum Station Post Office Located at 2253 Fairfield Avenue.

Garry Thompson, Postmaster and the Real Estate Specialist/USPS Joseph Mulvey were present for this item. Mr. Mulvey gave some details why they were considering moving the Barnum Station:

- There would be 1,000 sq. ft of space to occupy and it's why they're proposing to relocate as close as possible to the existing location.
- Retail services will continue at the new location.
- Written comments regarding the move will be accepted through July 22, 2014.
- They are relocating due to significant net losses.
- They don't receive any tax dollars for the facility and revenue comes solely from the sales of postage and services.
- They are looking to cut costs and increase revenue.
- The relocation will consist of securing an accessible and suitable location.
- There are **no plans** to close the post office, they are only relocating.

Council member Brannelly commented that the new relocated facility should be within walking distance to accommodate public housing persons and seniors that walk to the post office – **Response:** there is no intention of closing the post office and they need to ensure that the postal service is in compliance. It was noted that the Fairfield post office located on Commerce Drive offers the same services, except they only deliver to Fairfield residents. They are looking to keep retail services in the community.

Council member Torres questioned what will happen if they take out the P.O. boxes at the current location, noting that the relocation may inconvenience those that already have one, particularly the local businesses in the area. He emphasized that they need to consider the businesses in the area.

Council President McCarthy stated that he was somewhat dubious that the post office won't really close, recalling that the north end branch was closed. He also emphasized that there is a lot of foot traffic to the post office currently and low income persons that may not have access to the post office otherwise should be considered. He added that the area being considered shouldn't be in a remote strictly residential area. He requested information regarding population statistics of other post offices.

Mayor Finch emphasized and stressed that in a city of 150,000 people and dozens of suburbs with post offices that aren't looking to close; he urged the speaker to do the math and consider the people that need a post office within walking distance and not in a remote area.

Council member Taylor-Moye stated that it was essential to have a post office in an accessible area for those that need the services. She posed the question that if the current location hasn't been working, then why has it been so active all these years. She commented that the post office has been a fixture in the community for a long time.

Mr. Mulvey pointed out that they aren't proposing to reduce post offices locations, they are only relocating this one and the number of post offices in the city will remain.

Council member Swain questioned if there was a possibility of downsizing space wise in the current location. Response: they can downsize in the new location and currently they have 10,000 sq. ft. of under-utilized space. There are **no plans to close the post office** and USPS is committed to the community.

Mayor Finch stated that staff will reach out to assist the post office in finding another viable location.

Council member Holloway stated that he was glad the postal service at least came forward with the presentation, to make the point that numerous post offices were closed in the city without warning. He emphasized how much this hurts certain communities when it happens. He recalled there was supposed to be a shopping center constructed along Stratford Avenue in the past. He went on to say that he has recently inquired about placing mail boxes in the area, but he was told that they couldn't. He stressed that the cost of stamps keep going up regularly, noting that if money is more important; then it should be said that there are 10,000 people living on the east end and if they relocate, it will be a long way for many to travel.

Council member Martinez-Walker stated that it was a disgrace that USPS has removed post offices from areas where people have limited transportation. She emphasized that this affects the minority districts primarily. She further questioned where the statistics were that indicates the post office is losing revenue.

Council member Torres mentioned that the lower the income, the less likely that they will use electronic mail; wherein higher income persons are more inclined to. He urged them to restore services to the area(s) where it's most definitely needed.

Council member Vizzo-Paniccia stated that she grew up in the area of the current post office and she made the following comments: they took the mail processing out of Bridgeport and went to New York. She suggested that they consider using the space available at the Stop & Shop location that could be shared space for the post office and convenient for the community. She mentioned the problem of metered stamps not being processed due to a problem with the machines, to make the point that when this happens; the stamps are reused, thus revenue is lost. She relayed that there is a rumor that the post office is in fact closing and she stressed that the city council and the public should be made aware of that if that's the case. She expressed that she hoped they could work together to benefit everyone on this matter, noting that the change shouldn't effect certain areas.

Council member Brannelly pointed out the following disparity: there are only four (4) post offices in a city with a population of **150,000 people** vs. three (3) post offices in the Town of Fairfield with a population of only 27,000 people.

Mayor Finch commented that the post office offers great jobs that offer great public service. He emphasized that the city needs the service, wants it and it shouldn't be taken away.

COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:

- 120-13** Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Referendum on Renewal of City and Town Development Act, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 121-13** Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution regarding the Discontinuance of Morris Street, East of Bostwick Avenue, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 123-13** Communication from City Attorney re: Proposed Settlement of Pending Litigation with Ryan Keane, referred to Miscellaneous Matters Committee.
- 124-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funds for Elderly Hispanic Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 125-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funds for Tai Chi Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 126-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funds for East Side Senior Center Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 127-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: Southwestern Connecticut Agency on the Aging (SWCAA) Title III Funds for Chore Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 128-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection NPS 319 Grant for Blackham School LID Retrofit Project, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 129-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a FY 2014 Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program for site Located at 80 Hastings Street, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.

- 130-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management Youth Services Prevention Grant Program for the Police Department's Gang Resistance Education and Training Program, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.
- 131-13** Communication from OPED re: Proposed Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the New Construction of 56 Residential Units Located at 3336 Fairfield Avenue (Riverbank Landing), referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 132-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: re State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Round 5 Brownfield Grant - 1564 Seaview Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 133-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: re State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management – Youth Services Prevention Grant for the Office of Neighborhood Revitalization Mentoring Program, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 134-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: re United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Market Promotion Program – Bridgeport Farmer's Market Collaborative Incentive and Education Expansion, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 135-13** Communication from Central Grants re: Grant Submission: re State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Round 5 Brownfield Grant – 837 Seaview Avenue, referred to Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee.
- 136-13** Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Cynthia Saunders Maignan (D) to the Fire Commission, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO REFER COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

122-13 Resolution presented by Council Members McBride-Lee and Salter re: Proposed Request that the Honorary Designation of W.L. Phillips Boulevard be added above the street Signage on the Two Corners where Trumbull Avenue Intersects with Chopsey Hill Road and Reservoir Avenue, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO REFER RESOLUTIONS TO BE REFERRED TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER McCARTHY SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

Mayor Finch asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent calendar:

Council member Torres requested to remove ***109-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the Security Building in Downtown North.

Council member Swain requested to remove ***117-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Alfred Yazbak (D) to the WPCA Commission.

Council member Martinez-Walker requested to remove ***98-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Tania Mayen (D) to the Harbor Commission *and*

***107-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Rosa J. Correa (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

The city clerk read the remaining items into the record:

***102-13** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: FY 2012 U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Port Security City of Stamford Grant Subrecipient Agreement.

- *103-13** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency Port Security Grant Program.
- *104-13** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security State Homeland Security Grant Program.
- *110-13** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Resolution Adopting The Greater Bridgeport Regional Council (GBRC) Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2014 Update.
- *113-13** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Department of Justice FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Solicitation Program.
- *115-13** Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report re: Grant Submission: Agreement with the City of Norwalk for the Port Security Grant Program.
- *69-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Concerning the Disposition of City-Owned Property Located at 38 Luther Street.
- *78-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution concerning the Disposition of City-Owned Property Located at 63 Waldorf Avenue to Habitat for Humanity.
- *89-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) 2014 Lead Safe for Kids Sake Grant Program.
- *90-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: United States Environmental Protection Agency Targeted Brownfield Assessment (TBA) Program.
- *99-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Grant Submission: KaBOOM! Community Partner Playground Program.
- *109-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the Security Building in Downtown North.
- *98-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Tania Mayen (D) to the Harbor Commission.

- *107-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Rosa J. Correa (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- *117-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Alfred Yazbak (D) to the WPCA Commission.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Finch returned to ***109-13** Economic and Community Development and Environment Committee Report re: Resolution Authorizing a Tax Incentive Development Agreement for the Security Building in Downtown North.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member Torres commented about tax dollars; economic development; the \$3 million will never be reached; PILOT Program; security building has no proof of income and the City of Bridgeport should receive proper taxation. He stated that he would vote no.

Mayor Finch stated that he was excited about the project, noting that the district representatives are in support of the project.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH SEVENTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES)**

- *98-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Tania Mayen (D) to the Harbor Commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE**
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

Council member Halstead requested to send the item back to committee for further review for the purpose of reviewing the appointee's qualifications and to consider another appointee. He stated he would vote against the item.

Council President McCarthy stated that the appointee came before the committee and he seemed knowledgeable, energetic and indicated that he would work for the city. He said he was in support of the appointment.

Council member Paoletto concurred with Council President McCarthy, noting that he was in support and he felt that the appointee was fully qualified to serve and benefit the city.

**** MOTION PASSED WITH FIFTEEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND THREE VOTES IN OPPOSITION (COUNCIL MEMBERS: HALSTEAD, TORRES, SALTER)**

***107-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Rosa J. Correa (R) to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***117-13** Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Alfred Yazbak (D) to the WPCA Commission.

Council member Swain suggested that the item be tabled for the purpose of further reviewing the appointee's background.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO TABLE
** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:

61-13 Ordinance Committee Report re: Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 6.04 Animal Control Regulations Generally amend Section 6.04.010 Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited, **DENIED**.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE
** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Announcements – Council President McCarthy

- Council member DeJesus wife recently gave birth to a girl, Charlotte Rose.
- There are only two meetings scheduled during the months of July and August.
- Reminder to attend the prayer vigil for the recent killing in the city and urged to attend the press conference to support the family.

Mayor Finch thanked the East End NRZ for their help in getting the billiards pool hall closed and padlocked, noting this was initiated by Council member Martinez-Walker.

Council member Martinez commented that the community was upset about the two recent killings in the city, noting that the city is doing as much as they can to help stop the violence and help the kids and youth live a better life!

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARELLA MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services